



QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS



Questionnaire Results Cluster One

Workshop Participants

Age?

18-25 years	-	0
26-45 years	-	3
46-55 years	-	3
Over 55	-	2

How long have you lived in the area?

0-5 years	-	2
6-10 years	-	2
11-20 years	-	1
21-50 years	-	1
51+ years	-	1

Do you own property in the area?

Yes	8
No	1

Do you own a business in the area?

Yes	1
No	7

Do you work in the area?

Yes	1
No	6

Are you a public official or a member of City/County staff? If yes, what entity do you represent?

Three: City Council

Staff (Budget)

Community and neighborhood director

Existing Conditions

What do you like about your neighborhood?

- Trees/sidewalk/history/front porches
- Large trees and history well established
- Tree/bungalows/mix of housing/quiet
- Tree and landscape/home styles-porches/sidewalks
- Mixed architecture/history/could be great neighborhood for walking to dining & entertainment/retail-but doesn't exist
- Trees/sidewalks/architecture/wide streets/diversity
- Openness/trees with diversity, trees/community/location/diversity/blending of communities
- close to downtown/amount of trees and green space
- Quietness/historic
- Streets/trees/mix of people/easy access to downtown/easy to walk around
- Tree lined street/mixed use

What do you dislike about your neighborhood?

- Traffic/junk properties/not enough small stores-coffee shops/book stores/café's

- Cut-thru traffic/lack of adequate pedestrian lighting
- Poor lighting/not enough traffic calming devices/entrance designs
- Boarding houses/crime activity/lack of care for appearance
- Can't walk to shops and restaurants/difficult (traffic) to walk to town and other neighborhoods (across Elmwood)(too car dependent)
- Not enough streetlights
- The store fronts/lack of service/goods/retail
- Some residents do not keep up their property
- Un-kept properties/transient people/absentee owners who are not vested in community

Are there any problem properties or issues in the neighborhood?

- Too many used car lots/car washes/body shops/transmission shops/etc.
- Geiger St.-vacant lot
- Too much rental property-absentee landlords/too many used car lots
- Persons violating the historic preservation guidelines
- 2906 and 2905 River Drive-Boarding house drug activity

- Some rental property(section 8 housing)/ the police basically stay on my street (Kinard Ct)
- I don't like the city's mandatory ordinance that requires homeowners pave drive-ways/I don't understand the purpose
- Drivers speeding on Earlewood Dr. and using the neighborhood as a cut through
- Absentee landlords/too many car lots/too much rentals/ varsity club
- Boarding houses/drug house/vacant lot over grown/county area in city(confusion)

Do you have any problems with sewer or ditches in your neighborhood?

- No(11)

Are there problem areas in your neighborhood with flooding?

- No (8)
- Very minor (2)

During a heavy rain are there any areas with run-off problems?

- Minor, in Laurel Hills new extension
- Sometimes the corner of Main and Kinard Ct has a lot of runoff

Do you have a traffic problem getting in or out of your neighborhood?

- Difficult to cross Elmwood on Sumter from 4:00 to 6:00/traffic on Elmwood blocks intersection at Sumter/I have had

to wait through as many as three changes

- During peak times there is a lot of through traffic/may need more traffic calming devices
- Can't get onto Sunset Dr.
- Confederate Ave/traffic light at Anthony and Main needs to be adjusted

Do you have any problems with cut-through traffic through the neighborhood?

- Confederate Ave (3)
- Sumter, Marion
- This is a major problem on the street I live on (Park)
- I live on River Dr.-it has way to much traffic at a high speed
- Kinard onto Main-if Kinard could open to a park/that might be easier/it's very difficult to turn onto Main from Kinard
- Especially during the time school is opened
- Foot traffic between River Dr. and Broad River

Future Land Uses

What improvements would you like to see in your community?

- More mixed use space/more pedestrian friendly
- Lighting/traffic calming devices

- Shut down drug/boarding houses
- Easier walking access to other communities/dog park/better schools/community grocers-restaurant-shops
- More streetlights
- Combined mix use/preservation of green space/village look and feel
- Improved security/stricter enforcement of housing
- Improved commercial districts

What do you see as opportunities within the community?

- Better design for new growth/consistent with existing structures/would like to keep the historical flavor
- Develop N. Main as shopping/dinning destination that caters to the local community
- Small shops/restaurants/etc. on Main and Elmwood corner/then going north on Main St.
- Traffic calming
- Entertainment/restaurants/retail
- Single family growth/having professions
- A lot of infill housing opportunities

What areas within the community would be best for new housing?

- Mixed use space
- **Single Family Homes:** all over Earlewood
- **Town homes:** Elmwood Apts. On River

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- Drive, Main/Wayne/Rembert/Chester/Sumter (right off Elmwood), in pockets
- **Multi-family/Apartments:** Along Main St. above store fronts, River Dr.

What areas would be better for new businesses?

- N. Main-mixed use
- N. Main St. (2)
- Areas from Elmwood north, N. Main St./Elmwood Ave.
- N. Main from Elmwood to Sunset
- Elmwood Ave., N. Main-Elmwood to Sunset
- N. Main from Elmwood towards the north/corner of Sunset and River
- N. Main at River/Need neighborhood store-groceries
- **Retail/Commercial:** N. Main St./River Dr./Sunset Dr./River Dr./Elmwood Ave. Main and Elmwood, River Dr.
- **Office:** N. Main St. (2), Sunset Dr., River Dr. (2), Elmwood Ave.
- **Government Services:** N. Main

What areas need more green space/Parks?

- River access areas to existing river parks and walkways
- Parks/tree zones
- We have a lot of parks they just need attention
- Keep green space when possible/like use

it as a dog park-trails-biking paths

- None/we are fortunate to have Earlewood Park
- Marshall Park could use some attention
- Middleton/ North end of Columbia

What structures, activities or uses would you like to see within the green space/parks?

- Playgrounds and small concert/stage areas
- Playground/benches/sheds/waterfalls
- Amphitheater is already coming to Earlewood
- Dog park/some landscaping-like fountains
- Some passive/some active
- The areas where 277 (Highway) was originally planned/could also put townhouse there/ tennis/basketball/gardens

Please rank (1 through 5) the following design elements in level of importance to you? (Average)

- **Sidewalks:** 2.3
- **Benches:** 3.8
- **Signage:** 3.5
- **Trash Cans:** 2
- **Lighting:** 2.7
- **Bike Racks:** 3
- **Landscaping:** 3
- **Bike Lanes:** 3
- **Streetscaping:** 2.3

- **Other:** 3 (mix of arts/retail/residential)

Please feel free to write down any additional comments or concerns that we should be aware of in the space provided below.

- I'm concerned about Elmwood and Main St. It is a highly visible corner and should be an inviting area to pull people toward N. Main, both on foot and by car. We called it "Commercial Gateway" in our session. Another concern is saving some of our greenspace.
- I hope that this process will ask the community-residents and commercial what they are willing to pay for this plan. I hope that we will actively recruit the existing business owners to participate. Keep the diversity of the community. Don't make our community only for the elite. Seek private funding!
- This was a wonderful opportunity! Thank you for including us! The facilitators for our group were wonderful!
- We need to have amenities we can walk to instead of driving to small neighborhood store/nearby pub/restaurant/develop a water park like Charleston's waterfront park

Questionnaire Results Cluster Two

Workshop Participants

Age?

18-25 years	-	0
26-45 years	-	7
46-55 years	-	3
Over 55	-	6

How long have you lived in the area?

0-5 years	-	6
6-10 years	-	4
11-20 years	-	1
21-50 years	-	5
51+ years	-	0

Do you own property (homeowner) in the area?

Yes	16
No	1

Do you own a business in the area?

Yes	0
No	16

Do you work in the area?

Yes	5
No	11

Are you a public official or a member of City/County staff? If yes, what entity do you represent?

Three: Convention Center

Chair – City of Columbia Housing Maintenance Board

Midland Authority for Convention, Sports & Tourism

Existing Conditions

What do you like about your neighborhood?

- Quiet/low traffic in some areas/good higher learning institutions/large lots with single detached houses/diversity of people and of architecture/quality brick housing/seniors and young families/recreation facilities-parks/ established neighborhoods with tall mature trees/accessibility/proximity /location/vibrant/organized/energetic/religious diversity/public safety
- Large lots/trees/housing stock
- Diversity of people and architecture/established neighborhood/convenient to downtown and I-20/large lot size/large trees/natural beauty
- Large lots and single family housing/diversity(people/brick homes)
- Diversity/large lots/single detached housing, proximity to downtown/older

neighborhood with character/great community group interactions

- Quiet/large lots/diverse populations/good location
- Diversity/vibrancy
- Schools in the neighborhood (middle and high school close by)
- Close to city/people care about the community/a park/mixed income/mixed age levels
- Single family homes/a mixture of brick and siding
- Trees and greenspace/proximity to downtown/great and diverse homes/wide streets with sense of scale relative to homes/no Wal-Mart or Boxy Buildings

What do you dislike about your neighborhood?

- Traffic-fast/large trucks/fire trucks/emergency vehicles/cut-thru/no sidewalks-few curbs and curd cuts/absentee landlords/lack of broad based retail establishments/restaurants/nothing/no opportunities for low income neighbors/transportation/public/infill housing/developer regulations/ unmanaged apartment complexes/crime/not enough for young people to do-pool/etc-something fun to do/litter/trash dumping
- Lack of curbs/sidewalks (2)/litter from A-1

- Traffic moves too fast/no sidewalks in a high pedestrian area(near Hyatt Park where a lot of children are walking and playing)/litter and trash/lack of restaurants/commercial businesses
- There is a shopping center but no retail or grocery stores
- Not enough commercial conveniences
- Poor schools/nice houses next to condemned houses or poorly (maintained)
- Kept ones/trash on the sidewalks/noisy cars and drug/prostitution/cars parked in yards/junk cars
- Drugs
- Perception outside of Eau Claire-for example Eau Claire is thought of as crime ridden when it has a lower crime rate than 5 points which doesn't have this perception
- Abandoned property
- Unemployment for youth and young adults/not enough activities for adults/eating places not enough/ more involvement of youth in planning of a future that affects them/education quality(needs improvement,
- The traffic is a problem/speeding in areas where children are
- Rentals with absentee landlords/homeless/no sidewalks/adjacent corridors

Are there any problem properties or issues in the neighborhood?

- Drug dealing (2)/prostitution on Ridgewood/ light gang activity/cars

parking on front yard/infill houses allowed to be occupied without parking pads

- Terrible problem with litter and dumping/lots of vagrancy and petty theft/problems with prostitution and drug sales and use on the streets/rental
- Properties not kept/some places where narrow houses have been slipped in 2 where 1 used to be(making lot size smaller)
- Trash pickup
- Too much petty criminal activity/abandoned properties
- 600 block of Wildwood-an empty house/ 4300-4600 block of Ridgewood (derelict houses),
- Lack of educational or job training for lower income people in dead end jobs or without job skills/lack of broad base of commercial establishments/I have to drive miles outside of the community for a ream of paper or a nice restaurant for dinner or to have a drink with colleagues after work or go to a movie
- Eau Claire often seems to be lowest on the city's totem pole
- No access to restaurants or nice eating facilities for an evening out
- The in building clean-up
- There are issues but no so many properties

Do you have any problems with sewer or ditches in your neighborhood?

- Ditches on Duke Ave.(800 block)
- Ridgewood Ave. we need ditches covered so mowing is easier/this will improve curb appeal
- Sewers need to be cleaned more often-leaves and twigs sit on top of sewers interfering with their functioning

Are there problem areas in your neighborhood with flooding?

- There is flooding on Westwood and Sunset and Abingdon Rd

During a heavy rain are there any areas with run-off problems?

- No (7)
- Not necessarily
- Yes, rivers in the streets

Do you have a traffic problem getting in or out of your neighborhood?

- Sunset
- Big problem with thru traffic/cars passing thru on small neighborhood streets instead of using arterial streets(Lamar St.),
- Getting out(not usually) but getting in (often)/traffic headed North on N. Main can get crazy with cars backed up behind left-turning cars or those swerving to get around left turning vehicles/also people speed up and cut drivers off who need to change lanes around N. Main and Monticello

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- Through traffic
- It is hard to turn on to Bull St. from Sunset/may need turning lanes
- Sunset at N. Main at peak rush hour times

Do you have any problems with cut-through traffic through the neighborhood?

- Lots of cut through on Lamar St. driving very fast past Hyatt Park(despite the on stop sign and the post office),
- Motorcycles and noisy bass in cars at all hours of day and night/they race down Ridgewood Ave.
- Speeding on Abingdon

Future Land Uses

What improvements would you like to see in your community?

- Sidewalks and bike paths/more retail options
- More diverse recreation opportunities for youth/more commercial and retail venues/no bank branches in community
- Traffic/mom and pop commercial/mixed use housing
- Wal-Mart or better shopping(not just dollar stores)/sidewalks please/a McDonalds or other low cost eatery along Monticello
- Educational and job training opportunities for adults,
- Sidewalk along Sunset Dr. between N. Main and River

- City needs to provide money to homeowners to improve their homes to look like the new developed areas
- More recreational facilities/bigger park and gym/lighting
- Many sidewalks/more streetlights, sidewalks/bike trails/dog park

What do you see as opportunities within the community?

- To attract new businesses and quality neighbors
- The river is an asset that is under accentuated
- Better quality housing stock/more diversity
- The commitments of the residents to the community/this provides a great resource for improving the communities welcome others to it
- Infill, education and job opportunities

What areas within the community would be best for new housing?

- **Single Family Homes:** (2), Across for old Sam's, interior, Vacant lots
- **Town homes:** Along Main (2)
- **Multi-family/Apartments:** Along Main (2)

What areas would be better for new businesses?

- Old Sam's/bingo,
- Main thoroughfares such as stop and start

traffic/I'd also like to see some of the abandoned or low use shopping centers redeveloped rather than left as blights

- Near Eau Claire HS
- Main St (2) and Monticello Rd.
- **Retail/Commercial:** on Monticello Rd. before the bridge or Wal-Mart across from old Sam's, Main and Farrow St.
- **Office:** Main and Farrow St.
- **Government Services:** N. Main (2) and Farrow St.

What areas need more green space/Parks?

- West Hyatt Park(Ridgewood)
- Monticello Rd. need parks for its residents

What structures, activities or uses would you like to see within the green space/parks?

- More exercise classes later in the day/pool/more play equipment for children
- More public pools/picnic tables and benches/ tennis courts and outdoor sports facilities beyond basketball
- More for kids/water parks/restaurant/nice art and music centers
- More activities and help for school age children
- Cover over tables

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Please rank (1 through 5) the following design elements in level of importance to you? (Average)

- **Sidewalks:** 2.0
- **Benches:** 3.7
- **Signage:** 3.0
- **Trash Cans:** 2.0
- **Lighting:** 1.9
- **Bike Racks:** 4
- **Landscaping:** 2.3
- **Bike Lanes:** 4.7
- **Streetscaping:** 3.5
- **Other:** 1 (Public swimming pool)

Please feel free to write down any additional comments or concerns that we should be aware of in the space provided below.

- Sidewalks
- Things should be done to move Sunset away from being seen as an arterial/it is a beautiful tree lined street that has way too much traffic, largely from people moving in and out of the city
- The kids that attend H. Gibbs middle school need another sidewalk on Ronnie St.
- Education needs to be a priority if your schools do not work with the community and upgrade standards people will not move here and others will move out

Questionnaire Results Cluster Three

Workshop Participants

Age?

18-25 years	-	1
26-45 years	-	13
46-55 years	-	3
Over 55	-	24

How long have you lived in the area?

0-5 years	-	10
6-10 years	-	8
11-20 years	-	12
21-50 years	-	9
51+ years	-	3

Do you own property (homeowner) in the area?

Yes	42
No	4

Do you own a business in the area?

Yes	7
No	37

Do you work in the area?

Yes	17
No	28

Are you a public official or a member of City/County staff? If yes, what entity do you represent?

One: Vice President/Secretary

Existing Conditions

What do you like about your neighborhood?

- Park like/relaxed
- The naturalness of it/trees that block the noise/single family homes with streets that curve/the area seems like a closed in community away from Main St Fairfield Rd
- Broad open streets/mix of races-incomes-education levels and backgrounds/varied but well-built housing stock/access to public transportation
- I like my neighborhood and its location
- Walking neighborhood/not on the beaten path/able to access a drug or grocery store without a car/parks in walking distance
- Small because only two houses are on my street/no more can be built because of sewer and water line
- College town atmosphere/quietness/architectural buildings/large lots/diversity
- Peace and quiet/the birds singing in early A.M.
- We love having our neighbor next to us
- The historical effect-the old structure home that exist in the neighborhood,
- I am within 15 minutes of anywhere I want to go/ I like the family feel
- Convenience and quiet (10)
- Tree lined streets
- Family oriented
- Diversity/housing stock
- Sidewalks-people walk/diversity of people/uniqueness and style of homes/the closeness of downtown/the presence of the College and the seminary/the historic homes and buildings
- Neighborhood landscape is being done to the overgrown greens which are maintained by city/great community connections and involvement with both business and residents
- That it is some what quiet/the street and wide and the people are friendly
- Established/racial mixture recreational accessibility/public housing
- I like the trees and being in the center of the city close to I-20 and up town
- Established/blended neighborhood (2)
- It's got great older homes/ lot of trees/a dense mix of people/it's quiet and safe,
- My neighborhood is zoned for residential (single family) I have caring neighbors/my

neighborhood is near the major shopping centers and my church

- Proximity to downtown and the architecture
- Mostly all neighbors are home owners/I don't know of many renter properties
- Trees (4)/sidewalks/wide streets/diversity /location/front-porch community,
- Little traffic
- Mixed housing(size/price)/access to public transportation/racially and economically mixed
- Houses not on top of each other (2)/single family homes/quiet/stores close by
- Walk-ability (2)
- Diversity (2)/hills/single family houses / access to interstates/services,
- Northwood Hills-lot and housing proximity/good distance between each house
- I like living in a college community /I like that it is so close to the greater Columbia community, the village feel and historic atmosphere

What do you dislike about you neighborhood?

- City trash collecting crew has torn-up yards in the process
- Poor mixed use real estate
- Water system-pipes under street breaking
- Speeding/rising gang and drug activities/poor bus system/inconsistent enforcement of housing codes-derelect cars-weeds, the noise in it/rental properties

- Increasing crime/more sidewalks
- Street parking of vehicles
- Railroad it is an escape route for drugs
- Bootleg and drug houses/teens having no place to go/trees in forestry not maintaining/rental properties un-kept/elderly not having a program to help them Maintain property/overgrown lots/inspection laws not enforced on property/railroad overgrown near 1500 of Hyatt Ave.
- Loud noises
- We need to talk (as a community)
- No curbs-school visitation park on my lawn/garbage or trash pickup in the street or further into the street, the low income feel to the area
- Cut-thru traffic Wildwood/swimming pool/sidewalks(more) /property upkeep,
- Gang and drug activity
- Un-kept yards with broken down cars and trucks
- Lack of quality sit restaurants and other family/Community friendly business/lack of code enforcement,
- Crime activity with in a couple of blocks of my house and the college
- High crime and crack user infestation/too many rooming housing businesses in small neighborhood communities (3)
- No updated schools/no water to serve at the non-existing restaurant/no shops/no real nice stores/no community action
- Criminal activity/sirens

- Too many rental properties with absentee landlord (3)/use as a pass through too much by the wrong people
- No sidewalks (3)/ loud neighbors
- Some areas need cleaning up and some renovation,
- Parts of the community are run down and seriously undeveloped,
- I dislike the very low income apartment housing that are in our neighborhood where owners do not keep them in good repair/there is a drug problem in our area
- Crime/lack of amenities in parks and shopping
- Must go out of neighborhood to use recreation facility such as swimming/lifting weights/unable to use facility in neighborhood(Columbia College)
- Lack of enforcement of city
- Laws on books absentee landlords
- No sidewalks/no drainage/too much bad streetscape views
- Noises/rundown houses/un-mowed lawns/parking on the streets
- As gentrification occurs/lower income and fixed income persons being driven out/intermittent code enforcement at best/some homes poorly maintained
- No place for youth
- the fact that it's not well kept some property owners does not maintain their property/people driving by and putting out their trash

- Noise/through traffic/growth on Dale and Pinner/lack of restaurants and dress shops
- Un-kept properties-predominantly rental-smashed windows and overgrown yards
- Northwood Hills-unpaved roads/lack of street lighting/lack of street and land maintenance/rundown store fronts
- Dead-end street not being kept up
- Cut-thru traffic in residential areas-no control over new building appearance to maintain historic look
- Nothing

Are there any problem properties or issues in the neighborhood?

- Someone is trying to so call develop on Dale Drive that has never been
- The 400 block on Colonial a house formerly “the pink house”/gang in area
- An easement on the right side of our house needs to be cut on a regular basis
- Drugs (4)
- Flow of traffic across railroad on Hyatt Ave.
- Flooding of yard and ditches/a lot of rodents
- Ridgewood-Monticello approaches to Coles
- Monticello Rd businesses
- James St. crime ridden/Columbia College Dr. crime pocket
- Every once in a while you can hear shooting in the distance

- Rundown homes between Colonial and Farrow,
- Mt. Vernon not zoned for rooming house tenants were total of 6 with various negatives(thievery, drugs, loitering, mass traffic, agencies releasing criminals without giving notice to residents of their criminal background /through traffic
- Drug house boarding house
- South street and Wentworth
- They are addressed in our neighborhood meetings
- Some run down and ill cared for properties/poor lighting at night and too few sidewalks
- In the first and second block of Columbia College Drive-the houses are in need of repair/drug problem on Shaw St./the apartments on Water St. is crime ridden/one man was recently killed/the police know that there is a drug problem in the whole complex/please address this issue,
- Long list-crime/rundown housing/railroad track needs a wall to prevent criminal activity
- Better bus stop signs
- Too much rental property/too much unkempt property,
- Multiple!(have you driven through Eau Claire lately?)
- Several poorly maintained properties/going activities- intermittent (occasional) gunfire not kept up to codes,

- Traffic has become a very bad problem there is so much speeding and cut through
- Abandoned properties on Colonial/Empty for 2-4 yrs. (smashed windows)
- Problem with private owner large lots not being kept up
- Dead end street on Rufford and Staffordshire need to be blocked of from dark car using drugs
- Rental houses-the yards are not being kept up
- James St. needs funds to renovate some homes on the street/railroad tracks needs attention

Do you have any problems with sewer or ditches in your neighborhood?

- Poor drains in Seminary Ridge
- Runoffs to the creek pollution in the creek
- Where there are ditches-they are often plugged with trash
- Wentworth and Windemere underground springs/city right of way not being maintained on a regular basis/uneven and broken sidewalks/no sidewalks
- The drainage ditch behind the Fire station #13 Johnson St loop behind churches and horse-shoe to Mt. Vernon St./in the curve of this street is a loitering gathering area for the delinquent and idle minded
- Open ditch in front of house 5009-5007
- They are working on it, along Columbia Dr.

- Overfill and flooding in low lying areas during rain storms
- Poor drainage/some improvement in the last 15 years but poorly designed
- I have a ditch on the edge of my property which by the city belong to the city/but it has never been cleaned by the city but once in over 15 years
- Too many uncovered/too many septic tanks overflowing
- 1500 block is flooding of Columbia College Dr.

Are there problem areas in your neighborhood with flooding?

- With the covering of the creek/I'm concerned about runoffs and flooding
- 4300 Windemere
- Spalding and Randall area
- Spalding St
- 1400 Argent Ct. and 4300 Windemere Dr.
- Rumford Rd.

During a heavy rain are there any areas with run-off problems?

- 4300 Windemere
- My ditch between Hyatt and Fuller
- Need curbs and gutters Colonial Dr. etc.
- Where Mt. Vernon and Lorick St. connect
- Near Windemere and Argent Court,
- Rumford Rd (2)

Do you have a traffic problem getting in or out of your neighborhood?

- Getting on to N. Main St.
- Only the parked vehicles
- Speeding on Wentworth Dr. during school hours
- Hyatt at N. Main
- Entrance to Main St. from Arlington
- Certain times of the day getting from the community onto Monticello Rd.
- People drive too fast down Columbia Dr.
- From Mt. Vernon on to N. Main St.
- All the shrubbery and tree overgrowth
- Making a left out of Miller Avenue
- Wentworth Ave
- There is a lot of congestion on our street- it is used by a lot of trucks Columbia College Dr.
- Yes-dangerous leaving my driveway at peak traffic
- 5507 N. Main St.

Do you have any problems with cut-through traffic through the neighborhood?

- Colonial Dr. 5000-5800 blocks-a median street narrowing or other traffic controls needed,
- Lorrick Ave. and Wentworth Dr. off N. Main
- Wildwood Ave

- Heavy speeding on Mt. Vernon/need/ speed calming humps/posted speed limits,
- Wentworth Ave
- Colonial Dr. is a speedway
- Four major streets are thru ways between N. Main and Fairfield
- Many cut-thru use Colonial Drive as a cut-through alternate to N. Main
- Wentworth Ave
- End of Rumford Rd. onto Staffordshire and Paddington, Charlton St. street-corner lot

Future Land Uses

What improvements would you like to see in your community?

- More mixed-use development
- Parks/specialty shops/restaurants/ condos/bank/flexibility with parking
- Unobtrusive but clear signage for businesses/new constitution
- Less infill house more greenspace/ sidewalks, off street parking only
- City cut grass on their property
- Landscape islands 4500 Windemere Springs/light in trees/stormwater
- Keep the ditches clean and sewer checked
- Street improvements
- Senior health centers-such as wellness center
- Landscape upkeep/play areas for children with secured chaperones

- Nice restaurants and another supermarket
- More services(restaurants, shopping, neighborhood pubs)/greenspace/tidy homes/better lighting/well-planned(multi-use spaces), sidewalks in placed on Mt. Vernon to street end and on intersecting St. go to the left
- Sidewalks (7)/streetlights (6)/landscaping(2)/traffic study/bank
- Deserted house torn down or repaired/speed limit posted
- Less rental homes and boarding houses/maintenance of city properties such as medians
- Improvement of rundown areas/small business development
- I would like to see the city repair those space that has been damage/ruined by trash collectors
- Columbia College Dr. off Farrow Rd. all the house need to be torn down,
- Several small community playgrounds (2)/covered drainage ditches,
- More “nodes” for shopping/everyday necessities “parks of life (like Starbucks, good ice cream
- More business/restaurants/more homes atop stores, streetscape
- Restaurants/enforcement of noise ordinances, rehab properties/bike paths and lanes
- Rehab the middle school and rehab the cemetery on Fairfield Rd.

- Traffic is heavy/more parks needed, we need better food choices- restaurants and groceries and cultural centers

What do you see as opportunities within the community?

- Convenient residential local
- Schools redeveloped
- Much open land/deep lots/strong diverse housing stock/grid streets,
- To keep the neighborhood clean
- (New) growth of businesses and new homes
- Rebuilt properties
- Opportunity to draw interesting people and businesses into the community that then creates a neighborhood that others want to come to visit and spend money,
- A major opportunity to save the life of a child with more safety mechanism
- To make an impact on the economy of the city
- Additional educational facility
- Small business thriving/opportunities (2)/attracting professionals to purchase homes in the area,
- Columbia College is near the streets from Farrow Rd and Columbia College Dr. neighborhood is a good motel community
- Youth basketball/activities/tennis courts/more restaurants
- Infill/home ownership/small houses to match current houses/mostly brick and vinyl/not all vinyl

- With collective action/improve self worth and real-estate worth,
- Increased employment-opportunities
- Many residents/good tax base
- Size of lots and streets opportunity for commercial development
- We are a unique community-that historical elements needs to be preserved
- Arts center/restaurants/shops will draw students out and other people in

What areas within the community would be best for new housing?

- **Single Family Homes :** Yes (15),near Broad St., Columbia College Dr., Randall and Spalding all the empty lots, preferred areas where homes are now, throughout cluster 3, inside the Main St (2) area, Monticello Rd., Eau Claire, interior of College Place
- **Town homes :** Yes(6) main corridors, rebuilding the apartment complexes that exist now for improvement, around family friendly services on N. Main , Fairfield Rd.
- **Multi-family/Apartments :** Yes(1), main corridors (3), kept at a minimum, rebuilding the apartment complexes that exist now for improvement, around family friendly services on N. Main, Main St. (3)

What areas would be better for new businesses?

- The cross intersections that touch N. Main and Farrow Rd., major crossing streets-

Main and Prescott and N. Main from Monticello (3), N. Main St (4), Farrow Rd., existing business areas revitalized and improved

- N. Main from Elmwood to I-20, Elmwood to Fairfield, Columbia College Drive, lower Fairfield Rd. and N. Main St. beyond Oakland Ave, N. Main and Farrow Rd., Fairfield Rd. through Main St.
- **Retail/Commercial :** Yes(2) N. Main/Monticello/Sunset, cluster four, N. Main
- **Office :** Yes(2), N. Main/Monticello/Sunset, N. Main
- **Government Services :** Yes(1), N. Main/Monticello/Sunset, signage standards and landscapes, N. Main

What areas need more green space/Parks?

- We have enough
- Space near Prescott
- N. Main St. within neighborhoods
- Cluster three
- Belmont
- This major pocket behind Church's (Johnson St.) loops back to Mt. Vernon St. clutter of years of un-kept responsibility of City
- Neighborhoods along Main St., Eau Claire and Seminary Ridge
- The area off Farrow Rd on Columbia College Dr. needs more green space/park neighborhood curves
- Probably enough green space

- East and North of Columbia College
- Small (basketball/kiddie play area)
- Place a green spot on all Main St
- Need park area
- Randall, N. Main and Fairfield
- Around Ardin Elementary
- Monticello Rd. and Farrow Rd.

What structures, activities or uses would you like to see within the green space/parks?

- We have good recreational centers in use
- Beautification areas
- Club house and swimming pool and ball parks
- Areas to picnic/meditation area
- Parks (with all the works)/ community recreation centers
- Health and physical activities held at parks and schools that will have fit residents and promote unity and quality living for young and older in the area
- Playgrounds/city pool/skateboard park/dog park walking trails
- Swimming pool at Hyatt Park gym/more street lights on Mt. Vernon St. very dark and unsafe for our young/coffee-internet shops dual space usage
- Concrete/street fairs/cultural events/family events/group events, pool/waterpark/theatre/funpark
- Recreation center and pools,
- More curb appeal/upgrade store fronts

- Tennis courts/fountains/swimming pool/basketball courts/place for kickball-baseball-softball,
- Walking/bikes trails/benches/picnic areas/dog parks
- Neighborhood park/playground equipment for children
- Activity nodes for children/adult/like playground/walking trails/lots of green,
- Anything safe
- Basketball/play areas for children/after-school (programs)/pay bills/men stores/female stores
- Tennis court/pools
- Play areas/sports
- Stationary sculpture-along with park for children/benches
- Fountains/ benches/historic markers defining history of the area/gardens/sculpture

Please rank (1 through 5) the following design elements in level of importance to you? (Average)

- **Sidewalks:** 2.4
- **Benches:** 2.3
- **Signage:** 3.0
- **Trash Cans:** 2.7
- **Lighting:** 2.1
- **Bike Racks:** 3.5
- **Landscaping:** 2.6
- **Bike Lanes:** 2.8
- **Streetscaping:** 2.6

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- **Other:** 1 (Speed humps in neighborhoods)

Please feel free to write down any additional comments or concerns that we should be aware of in the space provided below.

- Great program
- Maintain integrity of neighborhoods while encouraging compatible infill/financial services in community-who farm the community/public school enhancement
- Police sub-station College Place and Windemere Springs/N. Main-next to Huffman house-multi use/more restaurants-sit down style/attract travelers as a rest stop area to bring more business as for as tourism business
- If you are building these homes close to one another with small rooms /they're not going to sell
- Would have preferred to see plan broken up into five intervals instead of a 20 year plan. However he is receptive to the plan and or changes to the neighborhood.
- Thanks for the time to share and redirect.
- more police patrol in my area.
- Please call the group back to review the ideas that the Community residents generated before the plans are adopted
- Graduates from other religion colleges who live in the community should have access the Columbia College recreational facility, such as swimming.
- Realizing the facility of this preference

survey. I encourage all involved in every endeavor/and of course. I concede that pseudo-democracy is better than none at all. May this area develop into a safe, fruitful, safe, family-friendly, and safe environment

- need to develop Fairfield to I-20 and N. Main to I-20
- need arts, recreation and unique businesses while maintaining historical qualities
- We need a civic arts center and space for after school and Saturday classes for youth and to adults to enrich a sense of cultural and aesthetic pride.

Questionnaire Results

Cluster Four

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Workshop Participants

Age?

18-25 years	-	1
26-45 years	-	1
46-55 years	-	4
Over 55	-	9

How long have you lived in the area?

0-5 years	-	1
6-10 years	-	0
11-20 years	-	4
21-50 years	-	7
51+ years	-	1

Do you own property (homeowner) in the area?

Yes	6
No	2

Do you own a business in the area?

Yes	1
No	10

Do you work in the area?

Yes	2
No	8

Are you a public official or a member of City/County staff? If yes, what entity do you represent?

One: Richmond County Election Commissioner

Existing Conditions

What do you like about your neighborhood?

- My antique house
- Access to buses
- The fact that it's a 4 lane road
- I like the mixture of single family homes and apartments/I love the different types of trees/Having churches and small businesses
- The closeness/generally people are concerned about their properties
- Neighbors are friend/homes and yards are kept neatly/the neighborhood is quiet
- The large lots single family homes/schools/churches/parks
- Small (2)/the park (2)/the churches (2)/schools/street lights
- It's a family neighborhood/there's peace out there/I love it

What do you dislike about you neighborhood?

- Noise from cars passing by

- Trash thrown in our yards
- Ames Manor apartment complex/un-kept houses
- Rental property not taken care of
- Empty land/empty schools
- City garbage collectors do not clean up trash following trash removal
- Some houses becoming rentals and un-kept (2)
- The number of junk cars on lots
- Drug activities/limited paved sidewalks/limited stop signs/worn out streets/the undesirable appearance of businesses
- To many untagged cars,
- The flooding
- Sidewalks only on one side of the street

Are there any problem properties or issues in the neighborhood?

- No land lords home or rental homes
- Ames manor/some houses on North Main
- Not really
- Occasional loose dogs
- Open ditches/storm water removal
- Poorly kept yards and houses on some streets
- House next door keeps a basement and flooded with water

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- Down at the end of my property/area stays wet/this problem runs between Jasmine Lane and Juniper St

Do you have any problems with sewer or ditches in your neighborhood?

- Ditch to the side running straight through with a city drain running to ditch.
- Ditches have rats like cats, and snakes
- But a ditch at the bottom of Guernsey Dr. overflows when there are heavy rains
- Some streets has ditches/everyone is not on the sewer line and should be
- Yes(lack of proper drainage)

Are there problem areas in your neighborhood with flooding?

- The bottom of Guernsey Dr. overflows when there are heavy rains
- Floyd Dr.

During a heavy rain are there any areas with run-off problems?

- My yard, between Ames Manor and the railroad
- Guernsey Dr, right in front of my house water runs in my yard,
- (The Cromptons) Floyd Dr.

Do you have a traffic problem getting in or out of your neighborhood?

- Driveway on a curve
- Slight increase at peak traffic times
- At the corner of Farrow Rd and E.Campanella Dr

Do you have any problems with cut-through traffic through the neighborhood?

- Wilkes Rd

Future Land Uses

What improvements would you like to see in your community?

- Repaired homes and businesses/new homes with large yards/street beautification/improve the North Main Library, houses on empty land
- Sidewalks (2), resurfaced streets/paved sidewalks on each street
- The city to put out new trash can every two years or when ever needed

What do you see as opportunities within the community?

- New businesses, businesses and housing, younger families moving into the community, there can and will be more families move in

What areas within the community would be best for new housing?

- **Single Family Homes:** Yes(6) The area where Burton School was located
- **Town homes:** Yes (2)
- **Multi-family/Apartments:**

What areas would be better for new businesses?

- Parts of Fountain Rd.
- Major streets such as Farrow Rd. (3)/Main St. (3)/etc.
- **Retail/Commercial :**
- **Office :**
- **Government Services :**

What areas need more green space/Parks?

- (In the) neighborhoods, Greenview Park

What structures, activities or uses would you like to see within the green space/parks?

- A full service gym, play equipment for children, walking trails, playgrounds for children/walking trials

Please rank (1 through 5) the following design elements in level of importance to you? (Average)

- **Sidewalks:** 1.0
- **Benches:** 3
- **Signage:** 2.5
- **Trash Cans:** 4.0
- **Lighting:**1.7
- **Bike Racks:** 5.0
- **Landscaping:** 4.0
- **Bike Lanes:** 5
- **Streetscaping:** 2.0
- **Other:**

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Please feel free to write down any additional comments or concerns that we should be aware of in the space provided below.

- Yards need to be cleaned up at the following locations:
 - 4908 Jones Street
 - 4909 Jones Street
 - 4904 Jones Street
 - 4916 Katy Street
- Vacant property owners need to keep up yards, example, lawn and shrubbery cut.
- City needs to keep ditches and drainage areas cleaned and cut for proper drainage
- Neighborhood watch or police patrol increased for strangers walking the streets and unfamiliar cars passing through.
- It appears that the sewer system on Katy St is not working properly, because at certain times odor can be smelled.
- Don't mess with Farrow Rd